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The Case of *Suttons* Hospital called the *Charter-House.*

Humbly presented to the consideration of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled.

THE said House with about 4000 *l. per Ann.* Land was given by *Thomas Sutton* Esq; for the dwelling and maintaining of 80 old decayed Gent. 40 Scholars at the *Charter-house*, and 28 Scholars in the Universities, who are clothed, taught, and dieted.

The charge of their maintenance, as directed by the Founder, amounteth to the full Revenue yearly.

The said Hospital-Lands of late have paid all manner of Taxes, which take off a fourth part of their Revenue.

By means thereof the charitable intentions of the Founder cannot be performed, the Charge of the Hospital not defrayed, the House runs into Debt, the Pentioners and Scholars want their allowance; and if not speedily prevented, the loss by the late Fire, and of Rents by Tenants breaking and running away, together with the abatement of Rents; and the Taxes are such, that the Foundation will be destroyed, the Poor men and Scholars not be maintained.

That *Christ-Church*, St. *Thomas*, and St. *Bartholomews* Hospitals their Lands are exempted from payment of the monthly Assessment.

It is most humbly prayed, That in the Act for payment of a Monthly Assessment the *Charter-house* Lands may be excepted: Or that the Parliament will please by the same Act, by which they grant an Assessment to desire his Majesty to discharge all the Lands belonging to *Suttons* Hospital from the payment of any Taxes thereby imposed upon them.